the disturbance created, the Additional Professor of English made them stand while she called their names for marking attendance. The women students however were allowed to answer sitting. The men students resented this action on the part of the Additional Professor and boycotted her classes on the 16th, 19th and 23rd November 1953. Later, on 24th November 1953, the Principal advised the students suitably with the result that all the men students also attended the subsequent classes of Srimathi Parthasarathy."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Why was the filling up of the post of Chief Professor of English in the Presidency College delayed so long?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Because we did not want to spend money, we wanted to delay the filling up of the post as far as possible."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know the name of the gentleman who was appointed as the Chief Professor of English?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The person appointed is a lady. Srimathi G. Parthasarathy has been appointed."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Was she directly recruited or was she already on the staff of the Presidency College at the time of her appointment as Chief Professor?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" She was Additional Professor of English in the same College before she was appointed as Chief Professor."

Construction of a bridge over the river Gowri at Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road in South Kanara.

* 1366 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over the River Gowri in Belure, South Kanara district (at mile 11/2 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road) under the National Extension Service Scheme;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost and the amount of public contribution required; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the amount of public contribution required has been deposited with the Government and its return is now being demanded on account of failure to finalise the proposal and execute the work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. There is a proposal to construct a submersible bridge over the River Gowri in mile 11/1 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road.

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"(b) The estimated cost of the work is Rs. 30,000. The minimum 25 per cent public contribution required for the work is Rs. 7,500.

"(c) No. Only a sum of Rs. 1,000 has so far been collected. There is no demand to return the amount already collected."

Constitution of Area Committees under the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act.

* 1367 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) the strength of the members of the Area Committees appointed under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act, district-war;

(b) how many Harijans are members in each Area Committee;

(c) whether there is any change in the membership of these Committees every year; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) Area Committees are not constituted district-war. There are twelve Assistant Commissioners' divisions in the State and each division has an Area Committee. Under section 13 (1) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951, the number of members of an Area Committee should not be less than three or more than five. The strength of each of the twelve Area Committees has been fixed as five members.

"(b) There are seven Harijan members one in each of the following Area Committees :—

(1) Madras-Chingleput division.
(2) South and North Arcot division.
(3) Coimbatore-Salem-Nilgiris division.
(4) West Tanjore division.
(5) East Tanjore division.
(6) Madurai division.
(7) Tirunelveli division.

"(c) & (d) Under section 13 (2) of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, each member is ordinarily entitled to hold office for three years from the date on which his appointment has been notified in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*"

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" பிரதேசக் கமிட்டிகளின் அங்கத்தினர்களுடைய எண்ணிக்கையை அதிகப்படுத்தி, அதில் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு மெஜாரிடி ஸ்தானங்களை ஒதுக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Attempts will be made to give due representation to the members of the Harijan community."